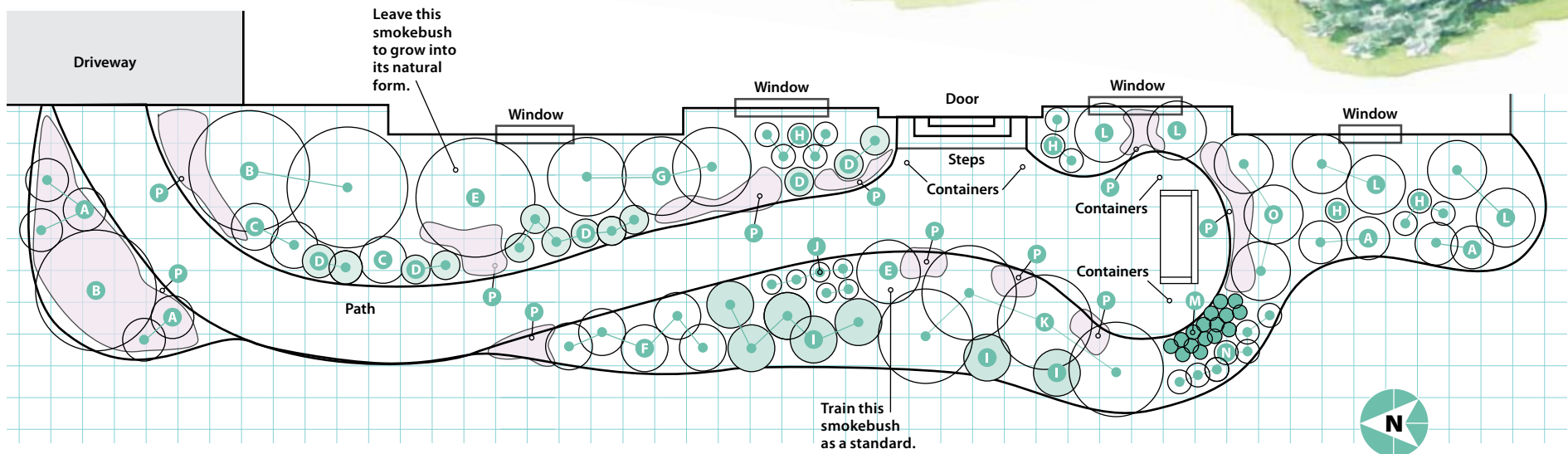


# FRONT FOUNDATION FROM SCRATCH

Starting with a blank slate? Some gardeners relish the opportunity, others flee in virtual panic. And a fair number of us — well, we're somewhere in between. We'd just like to know where to begin.

This west-facing border includes trees, shrubs and grasses for easy maintenance and great foliage interest. And for lots of color? Check out the palette of easy-care perennials that makes this border attractive all year. □



Scale: 1 square = 4 square ft.

## THE GARDEN'S PALETTE

Code	Plant Name	No. to Plant	Type	Blooms	Height/ Width	Cold/Heat Zones	Comments
A	Rose <i>Rosa</i> Flower Carpet® Red ('Noare')	9	Perennial	Red; summer	24-32 in./ 36-40 in.	5-10/10-1	Free flowering; reported to survive in USDA zones 4 and possibly 3 with winter protection
B	Serbian Spruce <i>Picea omorika</i> 'Bruns'	3	Tree	NA	30-35 ft./8-10 ft.	4-8/8-1	Narrow pyramidal evergreen
C	Bluebeard <i>Caryopteris clandonensis</i> 'First Choice'	3	Shrub	Blue; late summer	3-4 ft./ 3-4 ft.	5-9/9-1	May die back in winter in colder zones but returns from the roots each year
D	Gloriosa daisy <i>Rudbeckia hirta</i> 'Irish Eyes'	13	Perennial	Yellow; summer	24-30 in./ 18-24 in.	5-9/9-1	Huge flowers up to 5 in. across; yellow petals and bright green centers; treat as reseeding annual
E	Smokebush <i>Cotinus coggygia</i> 'Royal Purple'	2	Shrub/tree	Pink-purple; midsummer	12-15 ft./ 10-12 ft.	5-8/8-1	Fast growing; modest size with annual pruning; foliage provides excellent contrast
F	White pine <i>Pinus parviflora</i> 'Blue Angel'	5	Shrub	NA	7-8 ft./ 3-4 ft	4-9/9-1	Dense, blue-green evergreen needles; slow-growing
G	Juniper <i>Juniperus scopulorum</i> 'Gray Gleam'	3	Tree	NA	15 ft./ 5-7 ft.	4-7/7-1	Dense, gray-green evergreen foliage; columnar form; slow-growing
H	Feather reed grass <i>Calamagrostis xacutiflora</i> 'Overdam'	12	Perennial grass	Buff; summer	30-36 in./ 18-24 in.	4-9/9-1	Handsome ornamental grass with variegated leaves; stalks turn golden in fall; rapid grower
I	Shasta daisy <i>Leucanthemum xsuperbum</i> 'Becky'	7	Perennial	White; early summer	3-4 ft./ 2-3 ft.	5-9/9-1	Bright white flowers peak in early summer but keep coming if deadheaded regularly
J	Melampodium <i>Melampodium divaricatum</i>	6	Annual	Golden yellow; summer	18-24 in./ 12-18 in.	Annual/12-1	Heat-loving annual that takes drought once established; flushed with golden yellow blooms all season long
K	Juniper <i>Juniperus scopulorum</i> Blue Creeper® ('Monam')	4	Shrub	NA	20-24 in./ 6-8 ft.	3-7/7-1	Mounded, spreading habit gracefully drapes over sidewalk; blue-green foliage intensifies in winter
L	Japanese barberry <i>Berberis thunbergii</i> Cherry Bomb® ('Monomb')	6	Shrub	NA	3-4 ft./ 3-4 ft.	4-8/8-1	Burgundy foliage adds color for months and needs little water
M	Zinnia <i>Zinnia angustifolia</i> 'Crystal White'	16	Annual	White; summer	12-18 in./ 9-12 in.	Annual/12-1	Long-lasting white flowers echo those on the Shasta daisies; powdery mildew-resistant
N	Lavender <i>Lavandula angustifolia</i> 'Munstead'	7	Perennial	Lavender; summer	15-18 in./ 15-18 in.	5-9/9-1	Requires lots of sun and quick-draining soil; fragrant; excellent for dried floral arrangements
O	Juniper <i>Juniperus scopulorum</i> 'Wichita Blue'	3	Tree	NA	10-12 ft./ 3-4 ft.	3-7/7-1	A tough upright grower with broadly pyramidal form; silver-blue foliage keeps color year round
P	Bugleweed <i>Ajuga reptans</i> Black Scallop ('Binblasca')	About 48	Perennial	Violet; spring	3-6 in./ 10-14 in.	4-9/9-1	Attractive chocolate-foliage ground cover with bonus flowers in early spring; drought-tolerant